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# Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Production

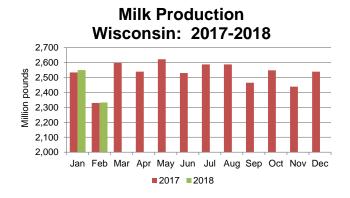


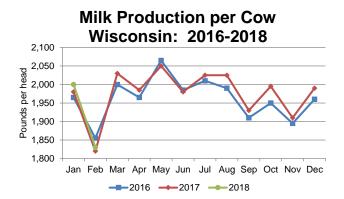
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**Milk production** in Wisconsin during February 2018 totaled 2.33 billion pounds, up less than 1 percent from the previous February, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during February, at 1.28 million head, was the same as last month but down 5,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,830 pounds, up 10 pounds from last February.





#### Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: February 2017 and 2018

| State          | Milk Cows 1  |              | Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup> |          | Milk Production <sup>2</sup> |                  |                     |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                | 2017         | 2018         | 2017                      | 2018     | 2017                         | 2018             | Change<br>from 2017 |
|                | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (pounds)                  | (pounds) | (million pounds)             | (million pounds) | (percent)           |
| Arizona        | 200          | 206          | 2,050                     | 2,040    | 410                          | 420              | 2.4                 |
| California     | 1,755        | 1,738        | 1,780                     | 1,860    | 3,124                        | 3,233            | 3.5                 |
| Colorado       | 156          | 168          | 2,005                     | 2,005    | 313                          | 337              | 7.7                 |
| Florida        | 123          | 124          | 1,730                     | 1,670    | 213                          | 207              | -2.8                |
| Idaho          | 596          | 605          | 1,800                     | 1,860    | 1,073                        | 1,125            | 4.8                 |
| Illinois       | 93           | 93           | 1,640                     | 1,650    | 153                          | 153              | 0.0                 |
| Indiana        | 186          | 187          | 1,780                     | 1,780    | 331                          | 333              | 0.6                 |
| lowa           | 216          | 220          | 1,830                     | 1,825    | 395                          | 402              | 1.8                 |
| Kansas         | 151          | 155          | 1,805                     | 1,845    | 273                          | 286              | 4.8                 |
| Michigan       | 425          | 428          | 2,030                     | 2,035    | 863                          | 871              | 0.9                 |
| Minnesota      | 460          | 455          | 1,660                     | 1,670    | 764                          | 760              | -0.5                |
| New Mexico     | 325          | 334          | 1,960                     | 1,970    | 637                          | 658              | 3.3                 |
| New York       | 621          | 625          | 1,860                     | 1,805    | 1,155                        | 1,128            | -2.3                |
| Ohio           | 262          | 262          | 1,640                     | 1,630    | 430                          | 427              | -0.7                |
| Oregon         | 124          | 124          | 1,555                     | 1,565    | 193                          | 194              | 0.5                 |
| Pennsylvania   | 525          | 525          | 1,635                     | 1,640    | 858                          | 861              | 0.3                 |
| South Dakota   | 117          | 118          | 1,715                     | 1,705    | 201                          | 201              | 0.0                 |
| Texas          | 499          | 515          | 1,860                     | 1,900    | 928                          | 979              | 5.5                 |
| Utah           | 92           | 97           | 1,730                     | 1,755    | 159                          | 170              | 6.9                 |
| Vermont        | 129          | 128          | 1,645                     | 1,625    | 212                          | 208              | -1.9                |
| Virginia       | 87           | 87           | 1,585                     | 1,570    | 138                          | 137              | -0.7                |
| Washington     | 274          | 276          | 1,795                     | 1,850    | 492                          | 511              | 3.9                 |
| Wisconsin      | 1,280        | 1,275        | 1,820                     | 1,830    | 2,330                        | 2,333            | 0.1                 |
| 23-State Total | 8,696        | 8,745        | 1,799                     | 1,822    | 15,645                       | 15,934           | 1.8                 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

#### **United States Milk Production**

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 15.9 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from February 2017. January revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2017. The January revision represented an increase of 9 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,822 pounds for February, 23 pounds above February 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.75 million head, 49,000 head more than February 2017, and 1,000 head more than January 2018.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 17.0 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from February 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,807 pounds for February, 24 pounds above February 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.41 million head, 45,000 head more than February 2017, and 1,000 head more than January 2018.

### Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

